

Spirit of God; and there were three thousand saved. There is no other way to cut men to the heart. Two thousand years of research have failed to find any other way to human souls like the "demonstration of the Spirit." This is the one great lesson taught us in the history of the Church, and it comes fresh from the Apostles. If we are only true to this lesson we have the pledge of the "uttermost parts of the earth for a possession" for our Master. If we forget it, or, which is the same, allow it to sink to a level with other lessons, "there shall not be one stone left upon another" of this glorious house our fathers built. MORE PIETY, MORE POWER, MORE CONVERTS, MORE MONEY.—*Standard*.

### LET GO AND TRUST.

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It is an inspiring thought, that we are addressing a multitude of readers who would know more of Christ. A languid desire is not sufficient. You must desire Jesus with an intensity which will make your soul a glowing furnace. You must reach the point where you will be willing to sell all, or hold all else cheap in comparison with the fulness of love to Christ. There are but two steps down to the pool which makes whole—consecration and trust. Difficulties attend both steps. Some are in doubt whether they surrender all to the disposal of Christ. To such we say, Consecrate all you know, and then all you do not know. This includes all your assets. God asks no more than this. At this point many fail, through fear that they are to become paupers, when God means to endow them with untold wealth. What, let Christ become my Lord indeed! Is it safe to give Him complete control over my heart, to be the sovereign of my will, the owner of all my property, while I sink down to a mere stewardship under Him! Will He not take some cruel advantage of me? Will He not command me to hard service? Will not reproaches be heaped upon me, if I avow before men and angels that I am wholly Christ's? Very likely He will honor you by in-

trusting to you some difficult labor. If you go into partnership with Him, you must share all the reproach which comes upon the firm. You are advised beforehand that Jesus is an unpopular character in what is called the best society.

"If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more so shall they call those of His household?" "The world will hate you, because it hateth Me; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Hence there can be no perfect consecration without an accompanying trust.

Just now let us whisper in your ear that perfect reliance in Christ is impossible so long as you are cherishing your good name as a treasure more precious than His glory. I think that He had ministers of His gospel especially in view when He said, "How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor which cometh from God only?" This is not a rebuke for a jealous care of our moral standing, since an untarnished name is, with preachers, an indispensable condition of success, but for a weak truckling to a public opinion, hostile to unadulterated Christian truth. They are tempted to temporize, and tone down the gospel to please men on whom they think themselves dependent. Reader, your reputation is not too good to give to the Lord Jesus. Paul's self-surrender included his popularity. "If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

Some teach that consecration must be a perfect and distinct act, preceding faith as a distinct act. But we can never surrender to a person whom we do not trust. So that faith, simple faith, lies at the bottom of every step Godward. We have recently seen a beautiful illustration of the need of trust in order to complete consecration. A glass-worker makes a beautiful, yet exceedingly frail ornament, and brings it to his friend as a gift. He says, "This is yours; it is very delicate, and must be touched with the greatest care."

"But," says the friend, whose hand has been outstretched for several minutes, "why do you not let go your grasp and give it to me?"

"Oh, because I am afraid that you